

## **Town of Lincoln**

### **Budget Board Meeting**

**January 9, 2014**

#### **Present:**

**&#8203;Carl Brunetti&#8203;&#8203;Mike Babbitt  
&#8203;&#8203;Bob Turner&#8203;&#8203;Bill McManus  
&#8203;Hagop Jawharjian&#8203;Paul DiDomenico&#8203;Maria  
Marcello&#8203;&#8203;Richard Foster  
&#8203;Bill DiBiasio&#8203;&#8203;Paul  
Deutsch&#8203;&#8203;Rhonda Lacombe**

**There were no members absent.**

#### **Call To Order**

**The meeting began at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

**The minutes of November 14th were distributed for review.**

**Bill DiBiasio made a motion, seconded by Richard Foster, to approve the minutes of November 14th.**

**The minutes were accepted by a vote of 8-0 with Hagop Jawharjian, Rhonda Lacombe, and Bill DiBiasio abstaining as they were not present on November 14th.**

#### **Correspondence**

**In Municipal Correspondence, The Budget Board has corresponded with the Town Administrator regarding getting more accurate estimates for capital projects when they are being budgeted.**

**The Town Administrator did not feel it was necessary to add a line in the budget for Consulting in order to accomplish more accurate estimates.**

**Last year's audit is almost complete, the company is waiting on some final information from the School Department.**

**The Budget Board discussed a resolution that has been proposed that would appointment of Budget Board Members outside of elections a duty of the Town Council.**

**It has been passed by the Town Council which means it will be put to ballot.**

**If passed, it will require a charter change.**

**If it does become the Town Council that appoints Budget Board Members, the Board feels any new appointments should require approval of the sitting board first.**

**The Budget Board discussed ways of making more people aware of how the Town actually runs, including duties of the Boards and volunteerism.**

**There could be press releases, brochures sent to new residents, a more informative website, etc.**

**In School Correspondence, the Superintendent has requested meetings with the Budget Board regarding School Capital**

**Improvement Projects they will be requesting this year.**

**The Budget Board will request more accurate estimates when any projects are recommended.**

### **Public Comment**

**There was no public comment or questions at the time.**

### **Old Business**

**In Capital Improvement Project Updates, it was noted that the Police Department expansion still has not been started.**

**In a Municipal Operating Budget update, it was noted that expenditures seem to be in line with the budget currently.**

**In a School Department Operating Budget update, it was noted that many categories seem overexpended so far but projecting to finish the year within budget.**

**The reason for that could be a timing issue with the billing of certain items that may work itself out at the end of the fiscal year.**

**The Five Year Capital Plan Update was released after approval of the Town Council.**

**There was a roof issue that was found where some insulation areas were 90% wet, and it could add up to a project of \$4 million.**

**The Budget Board will be looking at the future of the High School Complex, as their approval of funding for things such as a new field**

and extensive roof renovations may depend on whether a new building will be planned.

The Lime Acres Project is complete, and the Budget Board will request the final figures for the project as it seems the scope of work was reduced to stay within budget.

There is a new Head of Maintenance and Grounds with the School Department, who was hired by a Committee that reviewed all applications for the position.

He will be working with the Budget Board on this year's School Capital Improvement Project Requests.

### **New Business**

The Budget Board discussed their upcoming schedule.

There are School Committee Budget Workshops scheduled for 1/21 and 1/28.

The Budget Board will schedule a Capital Budget Workshop with the School Department for 1/30.

The next regular meeting of the Budget Board will be on February 6th.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment or questions at the time.

### **Adjourn**

Bob Turner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Hagop

**Jawharjian.**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.**